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Two men saved by tree as floods hit Hael in Saudi Arabia



A picture of two men clinging to a tree circulated online as torrential downpour on Saturday flooded the northwestern Saudi city of Hael.

While the tree worked to their advantage, the Saudi Civil Defense managed to come to their rescue.

“Rescue operations for the two men have succeed. Civil Defense was on the ground earlier on,” Captain Abdulraham Al-Juhni told Al Arabiya.

In an interview with Al Arabiya.net, Civil Defense in Hael said it had so far rescued nine women and 30 men, adding it had received more than 3000 emergency phone calls Saturday from across the kingdom.

In the capital, Riyadh, there were reports of traffic accidents and five cases of electrical faults. However, no injuries were reported.

Schools in five different Saudi provinces were shut due to weather conditions, according to the Ministry of Education.

Ministry of Education Spokesman Mohammed Al-Dakheeni said the suspension affected the provinces of Quwaiyah, Dawadmi, Hota, Hariq and Kharj.